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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, ET, MILI
SUBJECT: DEMONSTRATION BY MILITIA

1. STRONG RUMOR HAS BEEN CIRCULATING IN ADDIS FOR THREE WEEKS OR MORE THAT EPMG PLANS STAGE MASSIVE DEMONSTRATION TO SHOW OFF MILITIA WHO TRAINING AT SIGA MEDA NEAR ADDIS PREPARATORY TO LAUNCHING SOME OF THEM INTO AN ACTIVE ROLE SOMEWHERE. REVOLUTION SQUARE IN ADDIS IS BEING COMPLETELY DONE OVER BY TEARING UP DIRT INFIELD AND REPLACING IT WITH HARDTOP, PRESUMABLY TO PERMIT LARGE GROUPS TO FORM IN FRONT OF REVIEWING STAND AND/OR MARCH PAST EN MASSE.

2. RUMOR WAS GIVEN CONSIDERABLE SUBSTANCE JUNE 16. WE RECEIVED CIRCULAR DIP NOTE REFERRING TO "SPECIAL OCCASION NEXT WEEK IN WHICH ETHIOPIA INTENDS TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD ITS PREPAREDNESS TO DEFEND THE REVOLUTION AND ITS NATIONAL UNITY" AND NOTIFYING ALL LOCAL MISSIONS THAT ETHIOPIAN EMBASSIES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO ISSUE ENTRY VISAS TO ALL NEWSMEN "WISHING TO ENTER COUNTRY BEFORE JUNE 21."

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3. RUMOR HAD FIXED THIS WEEKEND AS DATE FOR DEMONSTRATION. BEST GUESS NOW IS JUNE 21. DEMONSTRATION WILL NO DOUBT BE OCCASION FOR EMOTIONAL ORATORY AND WE CAN EXPECT THAT WHILE MAIN TARGETS WILL LIKELY BE SUDAN, SOMALIA, AND OTHER "REACTIONARY" ARABS, EPMG WILL NOT MISS OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AS

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